

Home Fire Safety Tips

Smoke Detector Safety

- Install a smoke detector on every floor and inside each bedroom of your home.
- Test and clean your smoke detectors monthly.
- Change batteries at least once a year.
- Prepare and practice an escape plan.
- Know two ways out of every room, including bedrooms.

Children and Fire Safety

- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- Teach children how to call for emergency assistance.
- Use safety plugs in electrical outlets.

Cooking Safety

- Never leave food unattended on the stove.
- Keep dangling clothing away from burners.
- Keep appliances clean and free of grease and crumbs.
- Keep combustibles away from cooking areas.
- Turn pot handles inward on stove where you can't bump them and children can't grab them.

Portable Heaters

- Keep portable heaters and space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed.
- Use heaters only in well-ventilated rooms.
- Keep children and pets away from heaters.
- Place heaters where they will not be knocked over easily.

Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

- Use only seasoned wood—never green wood, artificial logs or trash.
- Always use a protective screen.
- Clean interior of fireplaces and chimneys annually.

Roof

- Remove dead branches overhanging roof.
- Clean dead leaves from roof and rain gutters.
- Cover chimney outlet with a spark arrestor.

Call 9-1-1

- If you see smoke or fire, call 9-1-1 immediately.



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